

To the USDA:

As an Organic food consumer, I need <sup>a few</sup> ~~3~~ things from your final organic food standards to meet my needs:

1. They must not weaken the protections now in the California standards, which have served us so well for so long.
2. They must create a separate category for irradiated foods . They must also *mandate* that "irradiated" be as large and prominent on the label as "organic" so that we can all choose whether or not we wish to eat food that has been irradiated.
3. They must create a separate category for genetically altered foods . They must also mandate that "genetically altered" be as large and prominent on the label as "organic" so that we can all choose whether or not we wish to eat genetically altered food.
4. They must bar the use of *sewage sludge* in organic farming.
5. They must provide for *much lower fees* than in the proposed rule, so that small farmers, certifiers and processors can participate. These are the historic pioneers of organic farming. Don't shut them out!

Respectfully,